

SIAM CURRENCY.

Prospect of Another Rise.

On Saturday (says the Bangkok Times of the 11th inst.), the output of the new Mint was 11,000 ticals, but on Monday it rose to 25,000, and that was reported again yesterday. That means, in effect, that the difficulties with the new Mint are being overcome, and the anxiety with regard to the possible shortness of the supply of ticals, may be said to be at an end.

The latest telegram from Singapore gives the dollar rate there as 1s. 8d. We hope to learn now, therefore, that the Government has in accordance with the programme, made the selling price of ticals 18½ to the pound sterling. This rise in the value of the dollar was not expected here, and there is some speculation as to whether it does not possibly foreshadow a 2s. dollar when the gold standard is adopted in the Straits. Silver is rising at present, being at 23½d. an ounce, which makes the actual value of the dollar 1s. 7½d. How long this improvement in the market rate is likely to last, is another matter. The sudden firmness is supposed to be due to large purchases shortly to be made for India.

The prospect of an immediate rise in the price of the tical had hardly been taken into account here, and may throw calculations out in some cases. It is anticipated that exporters will complain, but the Government has laid down a definite programme of what will happen in the event of a rise in the dollar, and we take it there is no question but that programme will be adhered to. The exporters had a very long innings of prosperity when the rest of the community were suffering and the rise in the value of the tical will eventually be for the benefit of all. It is said that sellers of sterling bills have been refusing the Banks' buying rate for the last few days, so little was any immediate increase looked for. On the 12th inst., the Bangkok Times says:—As we anticipated yesterday, the Government selling rate of the tical is now 18½ to the pound sterling. This is the result of the Singapore dollar going a fraction over 1s. 8d., and there will no doubt be hopes that the present hardening of the silver market will go a bit further still. The output of the new Mint yesterday was over 40,000 ticals, and as the alterations required in the machinery of the completed a further large increase will be effected.

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Dated the 6th day of March, 1903. (Signed) G. WOOD, C. S. SHARP, J. WHELELY, Liquidators. Witness to the signatures of Alexander George Wood, Charles Stewart Sharp, and John Thomas Martin Wheeler. (Signed) JOHN HAYS, Solicitor, Hongkong. 491

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Auctions.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at the residence of Mr. C. G. Cohen, No. 1, Camera Villa, The Peak.

Miscellaneous.

10 a.m.—Military Practice.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, March 26:—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of

Humphreys Estate and Finance Co.,

Ltd., at the Company's Office.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture,

&c., at No. 2, Elliot Crescent,

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FRIDAY, March 27:—

3 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture,

&c., at No. 4, East Terrace,

Kowloon.

Goods per *Indra* not cleared at 4 p.m.

on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Africa* undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 28:—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of

Watkins, Limited, at the Company's

Office.

2.00 p.m.—Auction of Dress Materials,

&c., at Mr. V. I. Remedios' Sales

Room.

MONDAY, March 30:—

8 p.m.—Auction of Crown Lands at the

Public Works Department.

TUESDAY, March 31:—

8 p.m.—Annual Oxford and Cambridge

Dinner in the Hongkong Hotel.

THURSDAY, April 2:—

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of H.M.'s Justices

of the Peace at the Magistracy.



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DEATHS.

At Singapore, on March 15, Caroline, widow of Capt. John Dill Ross.
At Ipoh, on March 18, on the 18th March, Mrs. JAMES GEORGE, aged 61 years.
The publication of this issue commenced at 5.45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1903.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The election of two members of the Sanitary Board takes place to-morrow afternoon, at 4 p.m., in the City Hall. Mr. J. W. Norton, Registrar of the Supreme Court, is the Returning Officer, and the election will be carried out by him according to Schedule C of the new Public Health and Buildings Ordinance. These rules are as follow:—

1. Elections shall take place at such time and place as shall be previously notified by command of the Governor in the Gazette.
2. The Registrar of the Supreme Court, hereinafter termed The Registrar, shall in accordance with any such notification summon to an election the persons by law entitled to vote at such election and shall preside at the election.
3. The name of every candidate must be proposed in writing by one elector and seconded by another.
4. No elector shall give more than one vote.
5. The voting shall be by ballot.
6. The name of every elector voting must be recorded.
7. The ballot box must be opened and the votes counted in the presence of the electors present.
8. Candidates, as such, are not disqualified from voting.
9. In the event of two candidates having an equal number of votes only one of whom can be elected, their names must be submitted to another ballot.
10. As to any matter connected with the order of proceeding not hereby provided for, the Registrar shall take such order as he thinks fit.
11. The Registrar shall make a return of the election to the Governor as soon as conveniently may be after the election. The return must be accompanied, for the Governor's information, by:—
(a) A list of the electors present at the meeting.
(b) A list of the candidates with the names of their proposers and seconders.
(c) A list of voters.
(d) A statement of the number of votes given for each candidate.

It will be seen from the above that it is open to contend that each elector can register only one vote. This is obviously an oversight, for when more than two candidates are before the electors for two seats at the Board it is only fair that each elector should have two votes. This is the method allowed in the School Board and Municipal Elections at Home, and should certainly be the method here. Before the Ballot is taken to-morrow, it would be well for the supporters of the European candidates to arrange in such a way that their votes may be divided to ensure their success; and it should be the duty of the Government or of the Unofficial Members of Council to see that the ambiguous rules quoted above are altered before the next election. As to who is entitled to vote we understand that the Government do not propose to publish any list of electors. The Returning Officer is invested with full powers to decide who is entitled to vote, and we understand he will act to-morrow with the full support and concurrence of the legal advisers of the Government. Clause 8 of the Ordinance says that two members of the Board shall be elected by such ratepayers as are included in the Special and Common Jury List, and also by such ratepayers as are exempt from serving juries on account of their professional avocations. We understand that it has been ruled that the Unofficial Members of Council are not entitled to a vote, and that persons who live in Hotels, and who do not contribute to the public rates directly, are not to be allowed to vote. Jurors who are proprietary members of the Hongkong Club are said to be within the charmed circle of voters; but chaos as yet seems to rule as to who is who. These are interesting points. Hitherto, it has been assumed that nearly every European resident was a ratepayer, and it is not at all improbable that appeals may be made against the ruling of the Crown's legal advisers. It is to be hoped there will be a large attendance of those who consider themselves entitled to vote, and that no effort shall be spared to secure the election of Messrs. Follock, Shelton Hooper, or Mr. Hewett. We understand that Mr. E. A. Hewett has decided to allow his name to be brought forward on the present occasion, notwithstanding the reports to the contrary.

A numerous signed petition was presented to H.E. the Governor this afternoon, protesting against the interpretation of the Ordinance, which gave voters one vote only, although two candidates were to be elected. This interpretation was represented as absurd and contrary to usage and common sense. We have not as yet heard the result of the petition.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Burning of Bibles.
There is great indignation in consequence of the confirmation of the report of the burning of Protestant Bibles in Fiji by Catholic priests and others.

A Spanish Decoration.
King Alfonso of Spain has conferred upon General Fukushima the highest Spanish Order in recognition of his services in the relief of Spanish citizens besieged in Peking during the Boxer upheaval.

Depression at Tientsin.
A Tientsin telegram, dated 17th inst., published by the *Ostasiatische Lloyd* says:—The continued depression upon the money market has forced thirteen of the smaller Chinese Banks and Cashshops to go bankrupt.

Sanitary Board Election.
The following is the heading of the ballot paper for to-morrow's election:—The Voter must make a cross (X) against the name of the proposed candidate he votes for. He must not vote for more than one candidate.

Counterfeit Bank Notes.
Seven bank note counterfeiters were arrested in Kobe last month charged with forging Shanghai \$5 bank notes to the amount of over yen 200,000, and selling them to Chinese at the ports, on the pretence that they got them during the Boxer troubles.

Sufferings of a Ship's Crew.
The schooner *Forest Home*, which left Hakodate on the 17th December last, bound for Yokohama, put into Honolulu on the 14th ult. in distress, with her sails blown away and her crew starving. For over a month they had had nothing but a cup of rice a day, and for the last two days nothing at all.

Bankers Decorated.
The Yokohama papers report that Mr. David Jackson, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Mr. T. S. Baker, Acting Sub-Manager, have each been granted the Fourth Class Order of the Rising Sun, as a mark of the Imperial approval of their services in connection with the sale of the 5 per cent. bonds in London last year.

A Voting Qualification.
In the Criminal Court, Melbourne, recently, a Hindoo, who had been convicted, was being asked the usual questions, and the associate inquired if his name was on any electoral roll. The Hindoo inquired, 'What's that?' and was then asked, 'Have you a vote; did you ever vote for a member of Parliament?' 'No,' he replied decidedly, 'but I was in the Kew lunatic asylum.'

Steamer Quarantined.
The *Kobe Herald* of the 17th inst. reports:—The British steamer *Kwangan*, which arrived in port from Hongkong direct early this morning, was put in quarantine at Wada Point for ten days. The explanation given is that a coxo employed on board discharging cargo while the vessel was in Hongkong fell down and sustained fatal injuries. A post mortem examination was held, however, and this showed that the man had succumbed to bubonic plague. Hence the detention of the vessel at Wada.

Society News.
The *Chicago Tribune* of the 28th January contains the following:—At St. Paul's church, Kenwood, last evening, the wedding of Miss Edith A. Goodman to Mr. William Bradley Walker of Hongkong, was celebrated at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Herman Page performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Major Thomas Chard Goodman, U.S.A. The family formerly lived in Chicago, but now resides at Chattanooga, where Major Goodman is stationed. The bride and groom first met in Manila. The bride's sister, Miss Ethel Goodman, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Anne Desroff, Miss Eleanor McCaskey, Miss Lina Towar, Miss Lillian Kent, and Miss Florence Fickes of Dayton, O. Mr. Arthur Cooley of Omaha was the best man. The ushers were Capt. O. R. Wolf of the Twenty-second infantry, Capt. F. M. Smith, Lieut. J. W. Eaton, and Capt. George Mearns, all of the Twentieth infantry, and Thomas G. McWilliams, George B. Kerr Jr., and William A. Goodman Jr. Frederick Goodman was master of ceremonies. The church was decorated with pink roses and palms. The bride wore a princess gown of white crepe, trimmed with point lace, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids wore white gowns and carried bouquets of pink roses. Following the ceremony a supper was given at the Hyde Park hotel. After an extended wedding trip in the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Walker will live in Hongkong.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
Parcels mails for Europe, &c., per s.s. *Mulla* will close at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 27th inst.

The Hongkong Schools Athletic Sports take place on Thursday at the Happy Valley.

It is reported, that the steamer *Chelydra* has been sold to a Japanese shipowner.

A movement is progressing for the abolition of the use of Chinese ideographs in Japan.

Interesting Late Telegrams relating to the Army and Navy Estimates will be found on Page 2.

The Marylebone Cricket Committee have decided to adhere to the proposal to widen the wicket.

On the 1st inst. there 2,351 banks in Japan with an aggregate capital of yen 532,835,820.

Lu Chuan-lin, being anxious to retire, has wired to H. E. Chang Chih-tung to hurry up to Peking.

Mr. Murdo Mackenzie of the I. M. Customs, which he joined in 1874, died at Tientsin on the 8th inst., aged 61.

Mr. S. Gilmore of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is joining the firm of L. Watts Doney & Co., at Tientsin.

Captain P. A. Fawcett, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, has been granted three months' leave of absence to Colombia.

The British twin-screw cruiser *Pique* will sever its connection with the China Station, probably at the end of this month.

A member did the round of the Golf Links at Tientsin recently in 38. Colonel Bogy's standard, hitherto unapproached, being 40.

Owing to the dispute between China and Russia as to the control of the Customs at Dalny, no import duties are being levied there.

A telegram to a Japanese contemporary says:—The Admiralty has expressed approval of water-tube boilers, despite the adverse criticism.

The Emperor of China's telegram of condolence on the death of Prince Komatsu was sent direct and was in English, and the Emperor of Japan's reply was also in English.

There were 289 Europeans and 62 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 59 European and 2501 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending 22nd March.

A lighter with some 300 men and women in it returning from their day's work for the Mitan Bishi Co., capsized in Nagasaki harbour on the 13th inst. Divers recovered four bodies, and one of them was brought back to a consciousness.

Ceylon Pearl Fishery.
The Ceylon Pearl Fishery of 1903 is now in full swing. Six thousand divers, a thousand boatmen and 201 boats are engaged. The first day produced a million, and 10 cents was the popular price for the potential pearl and periarp.

The Health of the Colony.
During the week ended 21st inst., there were 23 cases of plague reported in the Colony (1 Indian and 22 Chinese). All proved fatal. There were also 2 cases of diphtheria (European), 1 of enteric fever (European), 1 of scarlet fever (European), and 1 fatal case of smallpox (Chinese). The total number of plague cases for the year was 97, and all proved fatal.

The Kwangsi Rebellion.
They are still much concerned in North China over the Kwangsi rebellion, and seem to know a great deal more about it than the people of Kwangsi. A Peking native correspondent writing to the *N.C. Daily News* of the sympathy with which news of the dangerous spread of the rebellion in Kwangsi is received by the Empress Dowager and her advisers, states that several prominent officials in the capital, whose native province is Hunan, have been lately quite disturbed at the receipt of home letters reporting the near approach of Kuangsi rebels into Hunan. It is recalled that when the Taiping rebellion, which also began in Kwangsi, obtained headway, after Kuangtung Hunan was the next province invaded by the rebels, and apparently the same tactics are to be followed in the present rebellion. In consequence of this Hunanese officials in the capital are becoming anxious for their homes and several leading members of that community have obtained protracted leave of absence from the Empress Dowager to return to Hunan to look after matters. Amongst these is H.E. Earl Tsing, President of the Imperial Banqueting Court, who arrived lately en route to his native province.

He offered her his hand and fortune. 'Did she accept?' 'No,' the first was too large and the second was too small.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Joy in Bumbledom.
The *N.C. Daily News* publishes a telegram from Tientsin stating that the Tientsin Volunteers are awarded the Chap for the Relief of Peking.

British Troops in China.
It is notified that the administration of the British Contingent in North China will be transferred to the War Office with effect from the 1st April.

Inspection of the Hongkong Volunteers.
Major-General Sir W. J. Gascoigne will make his annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteers on Saturday next, at 3 p.m., on the New Parade Ground.

Indian Military Budget.
Next year's Indian Military Budget will include two lakhs for electric punkabs and lights in British barracks, two lakhs for dairies and one lakh for Native Infantry lines at Quetta.

Sale of Confiscated Arms.
At the compound of the Central Police Station this morning, a large quantity of arms confiscated to the Crown, were sold by public auction. The largest bidders were Chinese gun merchants, who swept away the 'bargains from other bidders.

Theft.
At the instance of J. Lacock, head watchman of Messrs Butterfield's Ship-building yard at Quarry Bay, Li Kwai was brought before Mr. F. A. Hazeland this morning, charged with stealing two steel plates valued at about \$8.50, the property of the yard. After evidence, Li was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment.

Another Tea Party in Prospect.
It is reported from Peking, that the Empress Dowager is thinking of giving another Tea Party to the ladies of the Foreign Legations before starting for the Western Mansions early next April. Perhaps this Tea Party is intended to lull suspicion; and then, again, perhaps not, but these excessive attentions on the part of the Empress Dowager remind one of the palmy days just preceding the sanguinary operations of 1900.

The British Association.
Mr. Balfour has been elected President of the British Association for the coming year. The meeting in 1905 will be held at Capetown and Johannesburg. The Times considers the Association will play the part of an Imperial mission helping forward the work of reconciliation, and hints that the Prince of Wales will accept the Presidency in succession to Mr. Balfour, and will accompany the Association to South Africa, making the visit in every sense an Imperial one.

New Cure for Malaria.
Dr. Dempwolf, who succeeded Professor Koch as head of the German Expedition for the prevention of malaria in German New Guinea, states that he has discovered the existence of an aquatic insect which destroys the Anopheles mosquito, said to be the originator of malaria. He proposes to cultivate these useful insects by artificial means, and in this way, hopes to exterminate the malaria mosquito.

Another Serious Mutiny.
We learn from Japan exchanges that two men on board the British ship *Dumarton* at Hakodate were taken to the Harbour Police Office at Nagasaki charged with murderous assault on the second and third mates of the ship. The police returned them on the ground that though the crime was committed in the harbour, they had no jurisdiction. H.M. Vice-Consul also repudiates having any jurisdiction, and the men are on board the ship, where the crew is in a state of mutiny and refuses to allow the culprits to be put in irons, while their victims are in the hospital, one at the point of death. The captain has appealed to the British Minister.

A New Company.
We are informed that a scheme is under consideration for the formation of a new Company, under the name of the 'Philippine Company Limited.' The company will be registered in Hongkong, and it is suggested that it should have a capital of \$800,000, divided into 30,000 shares of \$20 each. It is also proposed that this amount will be sufficient to buy up the Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., giving shareholders one share in the new company for every share in the old company, and will buy out the Investment Co., thus absorbing 14,139 shares at \$222,780. It has also been proposed to sell the *Manila Times* and the *Gila* Tobacco Company in Manila. The Board of Directors will be informed in Manila and not in Hongkong. We are informed that if the scheme is successful one of the leading firms of local brokers in the Colony will be appointed General Managers.

THE UNLUCKY BOY
It always getting his fingers burnt, his hand cut or his shoulder sprained. His parents should keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house. This is a liniment of superior merit. One application gives relief. Try it. For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

VENEZUELA.

LONDON, March 22, 1903.
President Castro has resigned, but Congress unanimously refuses to accept his resignation.

THE TRANSVAAL LABOUR QUESTION.

The Radicals are raising a strong agitation against the proposed methods for recruiting natives for the Rand Mines, and insist that it is merely a form of slavery. Mr. Chamberlain indignantly repels this idea.

RIOTS AT BUDAPEST.

Serious student riots have taken place at Budapest on the anniversary of the death of Kossuth. The police were attacked with heavy missiles and sticks, and a number were injured.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 23.

THE CANTON HOSPITAL.

The Report of the Medical Missionary Society in China for 1902 is just out, and exhibits a large amount of work. A summary of the report has already appeared in your col. miss. I have recently gone through the hospital premises. One thing I saw is of special interest to all residents of Canton, viz., a well-drilling apparatus at work. Just this afternoon I have heard that what is regarded as an abundant and pure 'water supply' is assured. Boring was commenced in a well some twenty-five feet deep. Twenty feet of earth was gone through, when soft sandstone was encountered. This was found to get gradually harder. At first a large drill was used, and iron casing was driven down about seventy-five feet, but could be driven no farther. Finally soft soil was again met with after boring through 100 feet of rock. This was attained to-day. It will be necessary to pump the water to the surface, and it is not yet possible to know what the character of the water is. If this experiment is a success, other wells will certainly be bored.

DEPARTURES.

Dr. R. H. Graves and Mrs. Graves leave here this afternoon en route for the United States. The widow of the late Dr. Kerr is also leaving for a visit to the homeland, sailing in the s.s. *China*.

Mr. Zundel, manager of Messrs Arnold, Karberg and Co's house here, and Mr. S. E. Beeten, of Messrs H. Dent and Co., are leaving for home soon.

TANJONG PAGAR DOCK CO., LIMITED.

The following extracts are taken from the directors' report of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Co., for the half-year ended December 31, 1902:—

The net amount for the half-year available for distribution, including \$287,000 brought forward from last account, is \$764,553.55. The Directors recommend the following disposition:—

\$275,693.06 to be written off for depreciation of property, etc.
\$155,000 to be added to General Reserve Fund—whish fund, it will be noted from the accounts, is invested in the Company's business—and which will thus be brought up to \$1,700,000.

Dividend for the half year of 88 per share and a bonus of 81, per share. The adoption of these recommendations will leave a balance of \$74,859.59, which is suggested to carry forward.

The sixteenth issue of debentures, New Series, amounting to \$175,000, which matured on Oct. 10, 1902, has been replaced by an issue of debentures for a similar amount, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum

THE NAVAL DOCKYARD.

Minutes of Meeting held at the Hongkong Club House, on TUESDAY, 24th March, 1903.

Hon. R. Shewan briefly referred to the object for which the Meeting was called and moved that Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., be asked to take the chair. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., then took the chair and explained to the Meeting that he had been informed that owing to certain difficulties in connection with the foundations of the new Admiralty Dock, it seemed probable that the Admiralty might be induced to grant a favourable consideration to any reasonable scheme, which might be brought forward for the removal of the Admiralty Dock to some site which was more remote from the business and residential portion of the City of Victoria. The Chairman hoped that the members present were unanimous in their decision to have the Dock removed from its present site, placed as it is in the centre of the sea front of the City of Victoria. (Applause).

On the motion of the Honourable R. Shewan, seconded by Mr Justice Wise, the following gentlemen were then elected on a Committee for the purpose of bringing the views of the public in this matter before the proper authorities:—

Sir P. Chater, (Chairman), Hon. C. W. Dickson, J. R. M. Smith, Esq., E. C. Cochrane, Esq., Hon. R. H. K. Ho, Hon. G. Stewart, and Messrs W. P. Pate, H. E. Pollock, K.C., E. A. Howett, W. Dunlop, M.L.C., A. G. Wood, H. N. Mody, D. E. Brown, E. W. Mitchell, H. E. Tomkins, G. Balloch, G. H. Medhurst, A. Forbes, Hon. R. Shewan, and J. H. Lewis.

At a meeting of the Committee which was held at the conclusion of the General Meeting, it was decided to ask His Excellency the Governor to consent to receive a deputation from the Committee for the purpose of an interchange of views being effected. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., was then chosen as Chairman of the Committee and Mr H. E. Pollock, K.C., as Honorary Secretary, and a sub-committee was appointed from the General Committee, consisting of the Chairman and Messrs R. Shewan, G. Stewart, W. Pate and E. A. Howett, and the Hon. Secretary, for the purpose of drawing up a Petition for presentation to the Secretary of State for the Colonies upon the subject of the removal of the Admiralty Dock from its present site.

It was also resolved to telegraph home a Summary of the Petition.

It was further resolved that the Committee would defray any expenses which might be incurred in connection with the prosecution of the attempt to endeavour to persuade the Authorities to consent to the removal of the new Admiralty Dock from its present site.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE DOLLAR.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL," Hongkong, March 23.

Sir,—With apologies for stirring up what has been well turned over by those more capable than the writer, I ask a little space in your paper to refer to the question of exchange. As things stand, pending the settlement of the currency, a good deal of business is fixed over until the value of the dollar is fixed.

It is almost funny to see how the dollar wriggles into sixteen cents between one and two cents and sixteen cents. Of course the banks are trusting that Providence will so influence the British Government, as to fix the dollar at one and eightpence for its wonderful duodecimal facilities. The banks of course never dream of the heavy demand of the two shilling dollar, such as the dollar is.

But the ways of finance are inscrutable, and must not be inquired into by outsiders. To question those ways would be looked on as disloyal.

What a solemn ceremony it must be, the fixing of the daily rate of the dollar. Here we are reminded of the incommensurable loss of supply and demand. Anyhow, the two-shilling dollar seems to be the best for the purpose. The immediate sacrifice of the banks will soon be made up by the increased volume of business and the financial abilities of the respective markets. A good deal depends on the earnest declarations of the people of Hongkong, whatever their nationality may be. As they are emphatic and tenacious, so will the dollar be fixed. If the Hongkong people keep on knocking, the door will be opened to them. Governments are not always prone to take notice of those who knock with proper persistence. In the near future, it should be possible to have the gold standard of currency with the dollar fixed at two shillings. It seems to me, this would suit the United States, Mexico and South American Republics, and it should not be impossible for an international board to fix the dollar at two shillings.—Yours,

BRITISHER.

[We think we see what "Britisher" is driving at, but he does not help the discussion very much. Many of us would like to see a 2/ dollar again, but what would be most beneficial to trade is a fixed rate of exchange, whether the dollar is worth 2/ or twopenny.—E.M.]

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 24th at 11.30a. The barometer has fallen rapidly over W. Japan owing to the depression, which is now moving Eastwards off the S. coast of Kiusiu.

Pressure has recovered quickly and is again high over the E. coast of China. The monsoon will set in again in the Formosa Channel during the ensuing 24 hours. Moderate E. winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast: NE winds, freshening; fine at first, misty later.

IT WILL NOT DO

To fool with a bad cold. No one can tell what the end will be. Pneumonia, asthma, chronic bronchitis and consumption invariably result from a neglected cold. As a medicine for the cure of colds, coughs and influenza, nothing can compare with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers: WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

THE NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT.

Proposed Removal from the City.

The agitation for the removal of the naval establishment from its present site in the centre of the city to another site is being renewed, and formal representations are to be made to the Imperial and Colonial Governments, in accordance with the proceedings at a private meeting held to-day, particulars of which are published elsewhere.

This is a question of vital importance to the colony, and it is beginning to be realized, to the navy as well. Long before the Naval Yard extensions now in progress were contemplated, it was felt that the presence of the Naval establishment in the heart of the city was inimical to its development. This opinion gathered strength when the plans for the extension were made known, and an attempt was made to have the dockyard removed to the mainland, but either because the Admiralty and Colonial authorities could not see eye to eye in the matter, or, as has been stated, because it was considered the site on the island was safer from a strategic point of view, it was decided to proceed with the extension of the present yard. Work has been in progress for over two years, and a sum of about £250,000 has been already expended.

As the question is of imperial importance it is well that the facts should be widely known.

Any one acquainted with Hongkong knows how extremely scarce is level land adjoining the Harbour. There is a pressing need for more accommodation, and as the trade of the port continues to grow, there is a steadily increasing demand for sites for godowns and business houses. The large reclamation of the foreshore west of the Naval Yard has failed to meet the demand, and the extensive reclamation scheme of the Yard, which has been sanctioned by the authorities and is now in course of preparation, can only partially relieve the congestion. On the west side of the naval and military property there are now four streets, and it is contemplated to have five or six on the east. As they approach the naval and military property, the traffic of those streets is forced into Queen's Road. Here it is throttled; congestion is already the result, and what it will be as the Colony expands after the eastern reclamation only those who have seen the growth of the Colony in recent years can realize. It is quite evident that one effect will be to seriously hamper the naval development of the place. The greater part of the western reclamation is already occupied by Chinese houses, and the eastern reclamation, it is certain, can only serve to accommodate the rapidly increasing Chinese population, and to provide godowns for the increasing trade.

There is need for additional space in the business centre of the City, for the European commercial houses. Only by the removal of the Naval and Military establishments outside the City—the military to the healthier slopes of the island and the Navy elsewhere—can the necessary additional space be obtained. The removal of the Naval Yard would render available a length of 2300 feet of Praya frontage. The space to be occupied by the Naval Yard and its extensions is about 80 acres. If the Naval Yard were removed and the natural line of the Praya continued between Murray Road and Arsenal Street, there would be left available 50 acres of the most valuable building land in the Colony, with four valuable frontages. Taking recent prices for the latest reclamation sites as a guide, it is estimated that the land thus rendered available would be worth at least \$10,000,000, or, roughly, nearly £1,000,000. From the sanitary point of view, the removal of the Naval establishment from the city would be a great public advantage.

Looked at from what might be considered the Admiralty point of view the change would lead to greater efficiency and a reduction of current expenditure. Notwithstanding the extension in progress, the site is too restricted for naval purposes, and no further expansion is possible to meet developments in the immediate future. This is already leading to the provision of separate establishments at considerable distances from each other; this in an establishment where concentration is so essential must entail an enormous waste of money, apart from the question of convenience. The accommodation being provided under the present scheme is confined to a single graving dock, 550 feet long, and a floating basin of 94 acres.

According to the Navy List of January, 1903, the total number of British warships serving on the China Station is 33, as compared with 59 in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, and 16 on the Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa Station. The dock accommodation in existence or being provided in the Mediterranean aggregates about nine times that being provided at Hongkong, although the number of ships is little more than 5 per cent greater. The difference between the dock accommodation of the two stations is all the more marked when it is remembered that recently it was announced in the House of Commons that no docking accommodation is to be provided at Weihaiwei or elsewhere on the China Station. It may be remarked that the Japanese docks will be placed at the service of the British

fleet in case of need; but this depends on the maintenance of the alliance with Japan and must be reckoned as uncertain. At the Cape, the Admiralty has provided a dry dock one-half larger and floating basin three times larger than those being provided for the squadron here, although the number of ships there is only a little more than one-third of the China squadron.

It should be borne in mind that the China Station is a greater distance from Home, a fact which necessitates improvement of the repair work being done here, and as the weight and character of the vessels change there is less likelihood of their recall to England to be at the end of each commission. An increase of the squadron may also be reckoned upon as a certainty. The Far Eastern squadrons of other Foreign Powers—notably Russia—are being increased, and it is noteworthy that in Port Arthur alone Russia has vastly more docking accommodation than is provided at Hongkong.

Looking ahead, therefore, it is easy to see that the present naval establishment in Hongkong will be insufficient for the requirements of the squadron, and even the extensions under way will not bring the establishment up to requirements. This is recognized by many responsible naval officers, and we believe it is correct to say that recent Commanders-in-Chief on the Station favour removal from the present site and the concentration of the whole establishment at a new site elsewhere. At present, the storehouses and engineering and refitting shops are in the city, the torpedo depot is at Kowloon, about two miles away, and the coal stores are distributed throughout the Colony, though an effort has been made of late to concentrate them in a neighbourhood of the torpedo depot at Kowloon. The dockyard officials are housed all over the colony, some at considerable distances, and when the new dock and workshops are completed and the staff brought up to requirements, the housing problem will be even more acute than it has been in recent years.

It would be an obvious advantage to the Navy and to the Colony to have the naval establishment removed to another site away from the centre of the city. Whether the new sites that have been suggested are more vulnerable to an enemy's fleet is a point for experts to decide; but if it be a fact that high naval officers are agreed that the change might be made easily, it may be assumed that it is not a strategic necessity to have the dock, &c., where they are at present. There are other sites available. These sites present overwhelming advantages—concentration in one establishment, unlimited room for expansion, and the creation of a new healthy residential centre for native workmen and European officials and foremen immediately contiguous to the works.

Here the question of cost arises. Regarded as a mere matter of business, it is contended, and we believe reasonably, that this important imperial and colonial improvement could be effected on a sound economic basis. It will pay the Colonial Government to give the Admiralty considerably more ground elsewhere, and to pay compensation for the existing buildings and the work already performed on the naval extension works. The change would be advantageous to both the Colony and the Navy. In the case of the Navy, expansion elsewhere (meaning still another separate establishment) must be contemplated in the not far distant future. In the case of the Colony, its development is retarded by the presence of the Naval Yard in the city, just at the point where relief from congestion is most seriously demanded. The Admiralty might not be justified in making the change, involving expense and delay; unless the Colonial authorities are prepared to reimburse the major portion of the expenditure. As we have said, this the Colony could afford to do, for the disposal of the Naval Yard site could be rapidly effected at high up prices, while the benefit to the Colony, for commercial and sanitary reasons, would be permanent and incalculable.

One strong objection might be urged. The naval yard extension was undertaken after considerable delay, and the docking accommodation for the present large squadron is limited to the local commercial concerns. A change of site means further delay. Can the country afford to incur this delay? We think it can. The ships on the station can all be docked and repaired in the existing shipyards, which are more highly equipped and offered than the naval establishment can be for many years, while the advantages of concentration on a better site, affording opportunity for expansion, should outweigh all other considerations. But if a change is to be made it should be decided upon without undue delay. The matter, in its imperial bearings, is of urgent importance, and every assistance should be given the Admiralty by the Colonial authorities to carry out the contemplated alteration of plans.

TO PREVENT COUGHS.
BEGIN in time. The first symptom is hoarseness, this is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough, which is easily recognized and will never be forgotten by one who has had it. The time to act is when the child first becomes hoarse. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is freely given, the tendency to cough will soon disappear. Even after the cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. There is no danger in giving this remedy, as it contains nothing injurious. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers: WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Plague in India.

Calcutta, March 4.—25,800 deaths from plague took place in India last week, the principal increase being in the Punjab which had 5,642 deaths.

Bombay, March 7.—Mr Saldanha, Health Officer, Bombay Municipality, has died of plague. His son was also attacked but recovered.

Felo.

Meerut, March 4.—In the finals of the inter-Regimental Polo Tournament to-day the 16th Hussars beat the 10th Hussars by four goals and one subsidiary to two goals and one subsidiary.

Obituary.

London, March 10.—Mr. H. C. Leigh Bonnett, the Conservative Member for Chertsey Division, Surrey, is dead.

The Prince's Visit.

Calcutta, March 10.—The Indian Daily News bears from home that the visit of the Prince of Wales may be deferred for another year.

The Sugar Bounties.

London, March 9.—Mr Gerald Daltour, speaking in the House of Commons, said that Australia has stated that she does not desire to adhere to the Sugar Convention. The effect of this statement on India has not yet signified their wishes.

Indian Coalfields.

Allahabad, March 6.—It is likely that in accordance with the policy of developing the mineral resources of India a scheme of experimental borings will be drawn up which the Geological Department will carry out during the next few years in the various coalfields to ascertain the extent of their capabilities will be furnished to the Government.

Sporting.

The Kour Sahib of Patiala is sending his horse Record to compete in the steeple-chase at Chantilly and Paris. Lansdowne, Southall and other jockeys from India are going to attend the racing in Italy.

Army Reform in Greece.

London, March 8.—A compromise has been arranged between the Crown Prince of Greece and the Government by which the former who was mentioned on the 25th February as being excluded from the post of Commander-in-Chief, retains the right to promote officers. A Cabinet crisis is thus averted.

British Trade.

The exports for February increased by £1,463,000 and the imports decreased by £1,120,000.

Intimations.

THE SANITARY BOARD.
Mr Rumjahn's Manifesto.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1903.
TO the Ratepayers who are eligible to vote at the forthcoming meeting, Sanitary Board Election:

Gentlemen,—At the request of a very influential section of our community, I have come forward and am prepared to stand for election as a member of the Sanitary Board.

I was born in the Colony about 40 years ago, and was educated at the Government Central School now known as the Queen's College, and in 1882 gained the Morrison Scholarship, then the only scholarship awarded, my competitors being 90 per cent Chinese boys and the principal subjects, translations from English into Chinese and vice versa.

During the past 15 years, I have followed my present occupation, that of Land and Commission Agent.

I was one of the signatories of the petition of the Chinese community, and of the laws of Sanitation. I have at all times taken a great interest in the innumerable measures which have been brought forward relating to our Sanitary condition.

I was one of the signatories of the petition, sent to the Secretary of State, praying for the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the sanitary state of this Colony. And, with many others, I was greatly surprised and disappointed when I read the terms of the contract contained in the Draft Bill, recommended by the Experts from Home which accompanied their joint report.

On the appearance of this Draft Bill in the Government Gazette, I believe, I was the first to criticise through the medium of the Press the recommendations made.

From that time onward, I have contributed many articles dealing with the subject of Sanitation, and I believe, I was the first to criticise through the medium of the Press the recommendations made.

When this Bill was before the Council in the first stage, I was requested to assist the Committee of the Chinese Commercial Union in their efforts to point out the objectionable clauses in the Bill, and a Petition was sent to the Government praying for amendment.

The present Public Health and Buildings Ordinance is in part the result of our labours; and in my opinion, no better Ordinance, under the circumstances, could have been enacted.

Temperature.

Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

Barometer—9 A.M. ... 30.04

Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.00

Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.98

Thermometer—A.M. ... 71

Do. 1 P.M. ... 72

Do. 4 P.M. ... 74

Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 68

Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 69

Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 69

Do. Minimum overnight ... 69

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Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will take place on the 26th March, 1903, from a position on Chin Lan Chun Hill (1370) towards targets placed on East side of Nog Tanok (1830).

By Command, F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that NIGHT FIRING will take place at Stonecutters' Island on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY next, the 25th and 26th inst., from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

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Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

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Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

TO LET.

FURNISHED Completely, with possession from 1st May. Semi-detached SIX-ROOMED HOUSE, No. 2, GOMES VILLAS, Des Voeux Road, Kowloon.—Cool and breezy, facing Kowloon Bay.—May be inspected by appointment.

Address:—

Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.

Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER PEKIN.

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and delivered at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where such consignments will be sorted on, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—From Penang, Ceylon, &c. ex. a.B.S.N. and B. & P.N. Co.'s steamers.

Goods not cleared by the 30th March, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell, by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 28th March, 1903, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Room, QUEEN'S ROAD, at

MUSLIN, PRINTS, RIBBONS, LACE, Hosiery, SILKS, TRIMMINGS, BOY'S SUITS, &c.—MEN'S FANS, SINGLES, FURS and STRAW HATS, BOOTS, SHOES, WATERPROOFS and UMBRELLAS, LADIES' DRESS MATERIALS and GENTS' SUIT LENGTHS.

Also A large Quantity of fine IRISH LINEN SHIRTS.

Terms of Sale as Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & YOCCHOW.

THIS Company's Steamship HAICHING, Captain HODGINS, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, 27th inst., at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

NOTICE.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, CALCUTTA, DIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

Also PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 7th April, at 11 a.m., the Company's Steamship SYDNEY, Captain BLANC, with PASSENGERS, SPORE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES.

Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on Monday, the 7th April. Specie and Parcels received until 4 p.m. on the same day.

No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

Dentistry.

TSU FAN, DENTIST.

Present MODERATE—CONSULTATION FREE.

Next to the Hongkong Dispensary, 50 Queen's Road, Central.

Hongkong, November 25, 1902.

MR. CHADWICK KEW, DENTAL SURGEON.

39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Shipping.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LONDON, Oporto, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRINITE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANT; BLACK SEA and DALIC PORTS; Northward South American Ports).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Ship	Captain	Destination	Date	Time	Notes
S.S. Konigsberg	Capt. MAYER	FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	10th April, 1903.	Freight and Passengers.	
S.S. Sambo	Capt. SCHMIDT	CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND PENANG.	21st April, 1903	Freight.	
S.S. Serbia	Capt. DEIKAT	FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	5th May, 1903	Freight.	
S.S. Suzunia	Capt. BREMER	CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.	19th May, 1903.	Freight.	

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
Queen's Buildings, No. 1.CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE,
VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
Callings at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.
SAFETY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.

Empress Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots
Saving 3 to 7 Days across the Pacific.

Ship	Tons	Speed	Days	Notes
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA	6000	19 knots	WEDNESDAY, April 1.	
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA	6000	19 knots	WEDNESDAY, April 22.	
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN	6000	19 knots	WEDNESDAY, May 13.	
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	6000	19 knots	WEDNESDAY, May 27.	
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF AFRICA	6000	19 knots	WEDNESDAY, June 10.	
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF AMERICA	6000	19 knots	WEDNESDAY, June 24.	
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF EUROPE	6000	19 knots	WEDNESDAY, July 7.	
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF ASIA	6000	19 knots	WEDNESDAY, July 21.	

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, of which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal ports and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Books, Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
PRINCE STREET, HONGKONG.PORTLAND AND ASIATIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN,
MOI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA; FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.

OPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

Ship	Tons	Captain	Destination	Date
INDRASAMHA	5197	R. P. Craven	March 26, 1903	
INDRAVELLI	4899	W. E. Craven	April 10, 1903	
INDRAPURA	4899	A. E. Hollingsworth	May 14, 1903	

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Hongkong, March 10, 1903.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers	Destinations	Sailing Dates
YAWATA MARU A. E. MOSES	NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKO.	WEDNESDAY, March 25, at Noon.
WAKANA MARU J. B. MACGILLAN	KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	FRIDAY, 27th March, Daylight.
KUMANO MARU E. W. HASWELL	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, Via MANILA THURSDAY ISLAND, Townsville and Brisbane.	FRIDAY, 27th March, at 4 p.m.
KAMAKURA MARU H. PETERSEN	MARSHALLS, LONDON, and ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SATURDAY, 4th April, Daylight.
TOKA MARU H. CHRISTIANSEN	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A. Via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 7th April, at 4 p.m.

Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class Through Passengers have the option of travelling by the Sanjo Railway.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. Mihara, Manager.
Hongkong, March 19, 1903.

Shipping.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,
ANDCHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MENELAUS	25th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	OANFA	26th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	JARON	3rd April.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	AGAMEMNON	9th April.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KEEMUN	16th April.

The S.S. OANFA left Singapore on the 20th March, and is due here on 20th inst.
The S.S. MENELAUS left Singapore on 22nd inst., at noon, and is expected here on the 27th inst.

HOMEWARDS

FOR	STEAMERS	TO RAIL
LONDON, Via GENOA	KENTUCK	31st March.
LONDON AND ANTWERP	GLAUCUS	14th April.
ANTWERP	DEUCALION	21st April.
LONDON	CELESTUS	12th May.
LONDON	CELESTUS	28th May.

LIVERPOOL BERTH.

(Taking Cargo at London Rates.)
LIVERPOOL Via MARSEILLES—PINGSCEY 18 April.
LIVERPOOL, Via GENOA—PATROCLE 25th May.

CONTINENTAL BERTH.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP—MENELAUS 27th April.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO RAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, Via OANFA	KEEMUN	28th March.
NKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KEEMUN	18th April.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO RAIL
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	25th March.
SWATOW, CHEFOU & TIENTSIN	NANCHANG	25th March.
MANILA	SUNGHANG	25th March.
CEBU AND ILOILO	KAIPOING	28th March.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TAIYUAN	28th March.
SHANGHAI	KANSU	1st April.
MANILA	CHINGTU	4th April.
PT. DARW, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS, VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	CHINGTU	4th April.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivaled Table. A daily qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand (and other Australian Ports).

N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, Single and Return, To Manila and Australian Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.
Hongkong, March 23, 1903.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS: ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Ship	Sailing Dates
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 1st April.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 1st April.
KIAUSCHOU	WEDNESDAY, 29th April.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 27th May.
PRINZ REG. LUITPOLD	THURSDAY, 11th June.
ROON	THURSDAY, 25th June.
PREUSSEN	THURSDAY, 9th July.
HAMBURG	THURSDAY, 23rd July.

* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie. † Calling at Amsterdam.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of April, 1903, at Noon, the Steamship PRINZ HEINRICH, of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Captain R. HEINZ, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at Naples and Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Monday, the 30th March, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 31st March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on Tuesday, the 31st March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

Norddeutscher Lloyd.

For further Particulars, apply to Melchers & Co., Agents.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA

IN CONNECTION WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Steamers

Tons

Captains

1902.

TREMONT

9007

T. W. Garlick

March 28.

OLYMPIA

2937

J. Truchridge

April 8.

TACOMA

2812

A. Dixon

April 17.

Steamers marked (*) have no passenger accommodation.

The attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to PACIFIC COAST PORTS and to the Principal Cities in the United States and Canada.

For further information as to Freight, or Passage, Apply to

Dodwell & Co., Limited, General Agents.

Hongkong, March 21, 1903.

Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

named	FOR	STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	DATE
YAMA, Via SHAI MOI	MOI and KOBE	C. R. LONGDEN, R.N.R.	March 25.	
YAMA Via SHAI & KOBE	(passing through the ISLAND Seas)	C. J. BENTON, R.N.R.	About March 26.	
SHANGHAI	Batavia	F. R. SUMMERS	About March 28, noon.	
LONDON & ANTWERP, Via S'PORE, PANG, C'BO, PORT SAID & MADRAGAS	Candia	E. G. ANDREWS	April 1.	

PASSENGER SEASON, 1903.

For MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH and LONDON DIRECT

Without Transshipment

* See Special Advertisement.

† For Freight only.

‡ Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offers.

For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, March 24, 1903.

HONGKONG—MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships.—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Dates
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct	Mar. 28, at 10 a.m.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	"	April 4, at 10 a.m.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	"	"

For Freight or Passage, apply to Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, March 21, 1903.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW AND AMOY	ANPING MARU	WEDNESDAY, 25th March.
TAMSOI, Via SWATOW AND AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	SUNDAY, 29th March.
ANPING, Via SWATOW AND AMOY	MAIDZURU MARU	WEDNESDAY, 1st April.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified Doctor is carried. All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mails, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs water-front, premises at Tsimshui to land all Passengers and Cargo.

For Freight, Passage and further information apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Vaux Road, Central.

T. ARIMA, MANAGER.
Hongkong, March 19, 1903.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

(ORIENTAL S. S. Co.)

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship ROSSETTA MARU, 3876 Tons, Captain N. Tate, will be despatched for MANILA on TUESDAY, the 24th March, at Noon. To be followed by Rohilla Maru on the 30th March.

Magnificent Accommodation. Comfortable Cabins. Excellent Table. Unrivaled Speed. Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3 Queen's Buildings, Ice House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, March 21, 1903.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Co.'s Japanese Mail Steamship KANAKO MARU, Captain E. W. HASWELL, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 27th March, at 4 p.m.

This well-known Steamer is specially constructed for service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator; Doctor and Stewardess carried.

For Freight and Passage, apply to A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, March 21, 1903.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

Captain P. B. ROYER, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 27th Inst., at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 23, 1903.

CHINA COMMERCIAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

司公限有船輪華中

FOR MANZANILLO, MEXICO AND SAN-FRANCISCO VIA MOI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship ATHOLL, Captain E. PORTER, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 31st Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 35, Queen's Road Central, 2nd floor.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 21, 1903.

FOR SINGAPORE, RANGOON AND MOULMAIN.

THE Steamship FREIBURG, Captain PROZOR, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd April, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, March 23, 1903.

Shipping.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship THALES, Captain ROSSON, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, 26th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 23, 1903.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship HAILONG, Captain GRISON, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, 26th Inst., at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 23, 1903.

FOR ILOILO (Direct).

THE Steamship I DE LA RAMA, Captain F. STEIN, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 26th Inst., at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HIJOS DE LA RAMA, 18, Consulate Road.

Hongkong, March 21, 1903.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship TONKIN, Captain SCHMITZ, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Inst., at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 19, 1903.

STEAM FOR

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYP, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

The Steamship MALTA, Captain C. L. W. FRANK, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for MANZANILLO, RANGOON, COLOMBO, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, and PORT SAID.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 14, 1903.

WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

HONGKONG—MACAO LINE.

THE Steamship CHU KONG, Capt. MASON.

Departures from HONGKONG to MACAO Daily, at 8.00 a.m.; SUNDAY included. Departures from MACAO to HONGKONG Daily, at 2 p.m.; SUNDAY included.

This Steamer is the fastest and has Superior Cabin Accommodation.

FARES:

1st Class \$2.00

2nd " 1.00

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1933

Vessels Advertised as Loading

	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Ports	Chingta (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 9
Ports	Maclara (s)	313b, Livingston & Co.	April 9, at noon
Ports	Kiaotschau (s)	McLachlan & Co.	April 29
Ports	Prinz Heinrich (s)	McLachlan & Co.	April 1
Ports	Sachsen (s)	McLachlan & Co.	April 15
Ports	Kailong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 28
Hamburg	Wien (s)	Wien & A. K. Ltd.	April 10
Hamburg	Königsberg (s)	Hamburg-Amerika Linie	April 10
Hamburg	Sambila (s)	Hamburg-Amerika Linie	April 21
Chingta (s)	Chingta (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 8
Antwerp	Galicus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 10
Antwerp & Co.	Candia (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 1
Agreement(s)	Agreement(s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 12
Agreement(s)	Kintuck (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 31
Agreement(s)	Malta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 28, at noon
Agreement(s)	Rokilla Maru (s)	Toy Kisen Kaisha	March 31, at noon
Agreement(s)	Rubi (s)	Shigen, Ramus & Co.	March 28, at 10 a.m.
Agreement(s)	Thorold (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	April 4, at 10 a.m.
Agreement(s)	Sungking (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 25
Agreement(s)	Yuensang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	March 27, at 4 p.m.
Agreement(s)	Pekin (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 25
Agreement(s)	Yama Yama Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	March 25, at noon
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About March 18
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About April 15
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Douglas Laprak & Co.	March 25, daylight
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Oanka Shosen Kaisha	April 1
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Oanka Shosen Kaisha	March 28
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	March 27, 11 a.m.
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Oanka Shosen Kaisha	March 29
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 25
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	March 26
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	April 16
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 23
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 28
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Douglas Laprak & Co.	March 25, at 10 a.m.
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Massageries Maritimes	March 25, at 5 p.m.
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Douglas Laprak & Co.	March 25
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Canadian P&O R. Co.	April 22
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Canadian P&O R. Co.	May 6
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	March 28
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	April 5
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	April 10
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 25
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 26
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 28
Agreement(s)	Yamato (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 25

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.				
	No. of Shares.	Value.	Para. up.	Company Quotations.
BANKS.				\$69, buyers
Bank of Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	\$ 125	all	London, £62 10
Bank of China, Limited	19,970	\$ 10	\$ 8	822½, buyers
	29,068	\$ 10	\$ 8	822½, buyers
	700	\$ 1	\$ 1	810, allers
Do. Founders' shares				
MARINE INSURANCE.				
Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 250	\$ 50	\$162½, buyers
Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$ 43	\$ 25	860, buyers
China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$ 100	\$ 12	102, buyers
Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$ 100	\$ 20	11, nominal
Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$ 250	\$ 100	\$335, plus
Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 8	\$135, buyers
RE INSURANCE.				
Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 100	\$ 20	882, buyers
Kong Fui Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$ 250	\$ 50	\$307½, buyers
DOCKS, ETC.				
Wharfe & Warehouse Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$ 50	all	\$208, buyers
Farwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	\$ 25	\$ 25	940½
Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$4
Farnham, Boyl & Co. Ltd.	55,700	100	100	110, sellers
PAVMENTS, TUGS, ETC.				
and Mamia S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$27, buyers
Shanghai Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$ 50	all	\$43, buyers
U. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$37, buyers
China S. N. Company, Limited	50,000	\$ 10	all	\$100, buyers
Perry Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$14, buyers
Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$17.6, buyers
Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	2,000	100	100	\$10, buyers
Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	100	\$10, ex div.
Great Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	100	\$15, buyers
Iterative Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	100	\$15, buyers
REFINING.				
Sugar Company, Limited.	20,000	\$ 100	all	\$168, buyers
Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	\$ 190	all	\$121, sellers

WHAVER.							
Row. What & Godown Co.	30,000	\$	50	all	\$392, buyers		
Chai and Hongkeu What Co.	20,100	Tls.	100	Tls.100	Tls. 304, ex div.	sellors	
LAND AND BUILDING.							
Chong Land Investment and	50,000	\$	100	100	\$176, sellers		
Company Limited	38,000	Tls.	50	Tls.50	Tls. 14, sales		
Chai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$	50	30	\$35, buyers		
on Land and Building Com-	3,764	Tls.	25	Tls.25	Tls. 1, sales		
Chai Wei Land & Building Co., Ltd	100,000	\$	10	all	\$12, buyers		
Chai & Finance Co.	12,500	\$	50	\$	50 \$33, buyers		
Joint Building Co., Limited.							
TRAMWAYS.							
High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$	100	all	\$327		
MINING.							
Chai Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$	5	5	\$1, buyers		
Union Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$	11	104	\$2.94, buyers		
Chai Charbon shares	30,000	\$	1	all	\$600, sellers		
Chai Charbon	16,000	Ecs.	250	all	\$600, sellers		
Chai Tonkin.	200,000	E.	1	1810	\$38, sales & sellers		
Chai Gold Mining Co., Ltd.							
HOTELS, ETC.							
Chai Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	\$	50	all	\$143, buyers		
Chai Hotel, Manly	50	\$	50	50	\$273		
Chai Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin)	2,000	T.Ls.	50	Tls.50	Tls. 143, buyers		
Chai House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai)	30,000	\$	25	25	\$304, sellers		
DISTILLERIES.							
Chai & Co., Limited.	60,000	\$	10	all	\$14, buyers		
Chai is Limited	10,000	\$	10	10	\$81, sellers		
Chai and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	E.	10	all	\$140, buyers		
Chai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	50	Tls.50	Tls. 118		
Chai Electric Co., Limited	30,000	\$	10	10	\$14		
Chai Electric Co., Limited	30,000	\$	10	5	\$77, buyers		
BRIDGE AND GENERAL.							
Chai Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	10	10	\$52, ex div.		
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Chai Investment Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	50	50	\$15, sales		

Asbestos Eastern Agency,	8,604	\$	12/6	\$22, buyers
Asbestos Oriental Agency,	6,000	\$	10	\$ 4 3/4, sellers
Baryte Bary Company, Ltd.,	100	\$	10	\$18 1/2
Bary Water-horn Co., Ltd.,	600	\$	50	\$ 5 3/4, sellers
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.,	7,000	\$	10	\$11 1/2, sales & buyers
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.,	10,000	\$	7 1/2	all \$11 1/2, buyers
Ice Company, Limited,	5,000	\$	25	all \$228
In Waterworks Co., Ltd.,	7,200	\$	2 1/2	\$ 20 Tls. 415, buyers
Planning Company, Ltd.,	20,000	\$	3	\$ nominal
Rubber Manufacturing Co., Ltd.,	10,000	\$	10	\$ 10 1/2, buyers
Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	120,000	\$	10	\$ 10 3/4, buyers
Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.,	17,500	Tls.	60	Tai100 Tls. 38
National Cotton Manufacturer- Co., Ltd.,	10,000	Tls.	75	Tls.75 Tls. 37 1/2
Wong-Mow Cotton-spinning Company, Ltd.,	8,000	Tls.	100	Tai100 Tls. 40
Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls.	500	Tai500 Tls. 160
Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ltd.,	60,000	\$	1 1/2	\$ 10 P2.85, sellers

Imperial Tobacco Company, Ltd.	80,000	12	\$ 12	\$7, buyers
Imperial Trading Co.	20,000	20	\$ 20	\$20, sellers
Imperial Piano Co. Ltd.	4,000	50	\$ 50	\$50, nominal
Imperial & Moore Co. Ltd.	1,200	10	all	\$40, buyers
Imperial Limited	12,000	10	\$ 10	\$10, sales
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Imperial Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	20,000	50	\$ 50	\$20, sales & sellers
Imperial Limited	200	500	5 X	\$50, sellers

COINS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Imperial 1888 r.Tl.	767,500 Tls.	250 7/8 % p. annum	10 % prem.	

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